

Checklist for your first visit to Wychurst

1. Clothing -

Sturdy boots. Preferably work boots if you have them (steel toe caps / insole).

Gloves (Gardening or Work variety)

Protective eyewear if you think you will be working on wood/plaster/paint.

In general, check the relevant websites for what is happening, so you can pack appropriately.

Work clothes for all weather types. We have never cancelled a work weekend due to weather - though we have hidden from it on occasion.

2. Camping -

Bring appropriate camping gear if communal sleeping at the Scout Hall is not your thing.

Camping can be done in most areas on site, but if you aren't sure, please ask.

Unless mentioned specifically in the calling notice, the camp sites near the scout hall are not for camping on, as they require booking with the Scout Warden.

3. Timetable -

People start arriving Friday evening. Check the Forum and/or Facebook page for exact times that the site will be open.

On Friday night you are responsible for your own eating arrangements. There are a couple of pubs/supermarkets nearby.

Breakfast is served from 08:00 until 09:00hrs.

Lunch is served down at the scout hall (so you get a rest). It is served around 13:00hrs.

Dinner is around 1900hrs, but often depends on when it gets too dark to work. Dinner tends to be later in Summer than in the Winter.

After washing up and tidying up, it is off to the Longhall for a few hours of fireside relaxation.

We finish on Sunday, at about 16:00hrs. Earlier in Winter.

4. Food -

All food (and Tea, Coffee and Squash) Saturday morning onwards is free.

All special dietary requirements (gluten free / veggie / vegan / lactose intolerant / non-dairy etc.) *must* be mentioned when booking in.

If we cannot cater for your needs we will let you know as soon as possible, so you can make alternative arrangements.

If you want to help cater, please let the Co-ord know and he will provide advice and organise assistance.

Semi-skimmed milk is bought for Teas and Coffees. Bring (and label) your own if you require other breeds of milk.

Breakfast usually consists of a roll, two rashers of bacon and an egg. A sausage may creep in from time to time.

Cereal is not provided.

If you think you might miss breakfast, let us know beforehand so we can set some food aside for you.

Lunch is usually sandwiches and/or soup, accompanied with cakes and crisps.

Dinner is a two course affair and can be *anything*. The menu is often announced beforehand. If you're fussy and seriously dislike what's on offer, let the co-ord know that you will not require food that evening and the quantity cooked can be adjusted.

5. Working -

It is a "Work" Weekend. Please note the word "**work**".

Consequently, you need to be able to fully participate. Only rarely are there jobs that do not require some form of manual labour. If you really want to come, but aren't able to do any of the tasks on offer, then please do not be offended if you are asked to help with catering. Whilst not a "sexy" job, feeding the workers is important and has to be done by "someone".

Nobody will be forced to do anything they do not feel comfortable doing. However, this philosophy only stretches so far. Those who complain that certain jobs are "beneath them" will not be welcome. Expect to get your hands dirty and to feel tired at the end of the day.

Conversely, if you have any specialist knowledge in a certain area, let the co-ord know, so that you can be consulted when appropriate.

If you have any questions about working at Wychurst, or Wychurst in general, please contact me through either Facebook, the Forum or E-group (you'll need to register for either of these mediums) or direct through the email address wychurst@regia.org.

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